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Cal Poly Students Offered Free 'Safe Ride Home' Passes

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly students now have the opportunity to have a "Safe Ride" home through 2003, thanks to the university's vice president for student affairs and the SAFER (Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource) Program.

Safe Ride, a component of the San Luis Obispo Ride-On program, has been in operation since 1994. The recently expanded program operates two vans Thursday through Saturday nights throughout the city of San Luis Obispo. During the school year, it is estimated that 800 to 900 people, the majority of them students, use the vans. The cost is usually \$2 per ride or \$25 for an annual pass.

"Thanks to the generosity of the vice president's office, students will be offered this annual pass for free," said Ali Schlageter of the Cal Poly Women's Center. "The passes will provide a safe alternative for students to get home."

The passes will be available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. today through Friday (Jan. 13-17) at the Women's Center booth in the University Union Plaza area. The passes can also be picked up anytime at the Women's Center, Room 217 in the University Union.

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